out to change over to four garter springs in place of two, at the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station, during the process of replacing coolant channels. In the Indian PHWR units at Rajasthan and Kalpakkam, there are two garter springs separating the pressure tubes from the calandria tubes. However, from Narora onwards, the design has been modified to provide four garter springs. Remote techniques have been devised indigenously to monitor the position of the garter springs and shift them back to their original position, if necessary. These techniques have been utilised recently in Unit-2 of Madras Atomic Power Station prior to commissioning to ensure that the garter springs are in the correct position. Hence, there have been no monetary consequences in the Indian PHWR units on this account.

Workshop on Vedic Mathematics

2014. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of the Department of Electronics had attended recently a workshop on Vedic Mathematics in Jaipur where views were expressed that possibility be clinched of development of Institutional Thinking in manufacturing of computer softwares by use of Vedic Mathematics and also the probability of the Vedic Mathematics increasing the speed of computers due to less use of digits in computer Registration; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto and the steps being considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Saving from replacement of ballot system by electronic voting machine

2015. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISSHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 222 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th March, 1988 and state the estimated savings from replacement of the ballot paper system by electronic voting machines in one General election in which supposingly, all Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections are held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): Rs. 22.5 crores (approximately) on the basis of present estimates and prices.

Methodology for estimating the persons below poverty line

2016. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the manner in which the impact of poverty alleviating programmes is measured each year, if the estimates regarding persons below poverty line have not been made after 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): The impact of poverty alleviation programmes is assessed through concurrent evaluation, and other studies. The concurrent evaluation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IDDP) is being carried out regularly since October 1985. The findings of the concurrent evaluation also contain information regarding the beneficiaries of I.R.D.P. crossing the poverty line. However this does not give the complete picture of the persons crossing poverty line through assistance given under other programmes and the normal development process Evaluation studies have also been conducted, from

time to time, for assessing the impact of NREP Programme.

AEC chairman visit to Moscow

2017. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission recently visited Moscow;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chairman has signed an agreement on terms for acquisition of the two-MW nuclear reactors;

(c) whether the objections raised on the Soviet design and the environmental issues have been resolved; and

(d) whether any steps regarding safety supply of reactors and regular supply of enriched uranium fuel have also been taken care of in the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A draft inter governmental agreement on technical, economic cost and other aspects including fuel supply of Soviet cooperation in setting up of two units of 1000 MW pressurised light water reactors is under consideration of Government.

Assessment of the impact of 5-day week

2018. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assess the impact of 'Five day Week' on the working of Government servants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Department of Administartive Reforms had made a quick study in Feb. 1987 confined to selected Government offices in Delhi. The periods compared were June, '84 to May, '85 (when 6 day working was in force) and June, '85 to May, '86 (when the new system was inforce). The finding of the study were as under:

(i) There was no fall in work output in terms of quantity and quality after introduction of the 5-day week system;

(ii) Employee morale, especially that of women employees, is high.

(c) Does not arise.

Approach Paper on Eighth Five Year Plan

2019. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Approach Paper for the Eighth Five Year Plan has been prepared;

(b) if so, the broad features of the same; and

(c) whether National Development Council held discussions on the same, and whether the Council indicated any priorities for the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise.